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PCT/CA2004/000458

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 A61B5/053

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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